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	Examiner Thien F. Tran	Art Unit 2811	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group II with claims 1-15 readable thereon in the reply filed on 01/25/2005 is acknowledged.

Claim Objections

Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 2, "polycrystalline the material" should be ~~polycrystalline material~~. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The disclosure does not provide the ordinary skill artisan with a reasonable expectation of success in creating or carrying out the claimed subject matter, since it does not provide any guidance as to how such a layer is deposited over the SAM, wherein the layer is an oxide. Without this disclosure, one of ordinary skill cannot practice the invention without undue experimentation because of the number of operational parameters in the process. Applicant is requested to point out exactly wherein the

application that provides support for an oxide layer formed over the SAM. In fact, the disclosure only discloses the layer formed over the SAM 203 is monocrystalline or polycrystalline silicon 209.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2, 7-8, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin et al. (Thin Solid Films 315, 1998, 111-117).

Lin et al. discloses a method of fabricating a monocrystalline or polycrystalline material over a substrate, comprising: depositing a self-assembled monolayer (SAM) over the substrate at step 2.1; depositing a layer (titanium oxide) over the SAM at step 2.2; and substantially crystallizing the layer (see 2.2.2 and 3.2).

Regarding claim 2, the step of substantially crystallizing the layer further comprises annealing the substrate at 121-900°C for 10 min – 3h.

Regarding claim 7, the layer is an oxide.

Regarding claim 8, it is inherent that the SAM material comprises molecules which have an order and spacing that substantially matches an order and spacing of a lattice of the material (titanium oxide).

Regarding claim 15, it is inherent that the step of post heat treating the device substantially pyrolyzes the SAM.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin et al. (Thin Solid Films 315, 1998, 111-117) in view of Saitoh et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2001/0012567).

Lin et al. disclose a crystalline titanium oxide layer but does not expressly disclose the titanium oxide layer being polycrystalline material as recited in claim 9 or monocrystalline material as recited in claim 10. However, it is known that a crystalline titanium oxide could be formed in either forms, a polycrystalline or a monocrystalline as shown for example by Saitoh et al. Therefore, it would have been obvious modification to form the crystalline titanium oxide layer in Lin et al. in either forms as a suitable material depending on a particular application.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double

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patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-15 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of copending Application No. 10/851,038 (US 2005/0012099.) Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both invention are claiming common subject matter comprising a method of forming a monocrystalline or polycrystalline material having a SAM over a substrate and substantially crystallizing the semiconductor layer (Si, Ge, SiGe)

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien F. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1665. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 5:00PM Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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